

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Aviation plays a critical role in the lives of South Dakota citizens, businesses, farms, and ranches, and is being enhanced by efforts of the South Dakota Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics and the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota will be the starting location of the 2010 AirVenture Cup Race, and has a rich aviation history, including such names as Clyde Ice, Joe Foss, Duane Corning, Nellie Willhite, Ed Yost, Charles Gemar, and Stratobowl Space Flights; such history being preserved by the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of aviation, the airline industry, educational institutions, aviation organizations, associated companies, and Ellsworth Air Force Base; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota has 74 airports serving 2,198 pilots, 1,293 general aviation aircraft, 8 master mechanics, 17 master pilots, 10 Civil Air Patrol squadrons, 4 Experimental Aircraft Association chapters, 16 volunteers in the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Airport Support Network, the South Dakota Aviation Association, and the South Dakota Pilots Association; and,

*Whereas*, Total direct and indirect jobs attributed to the local aerospace and aviation sector include approximately 1,800 jobs, which provide a direct wage and benefit impact of \$55 million in payroll annually; and,

*Whereas*, General aviation in South Dakota contributes \$303 million, or \$401 per capita, annually to South Dakota's economy; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota is home to 16 charter flight companies, 15 repair stations, 2 flight schools operating 9 aircraft and providing 27 jobs, and 37 fixed-base operators in the state; and,

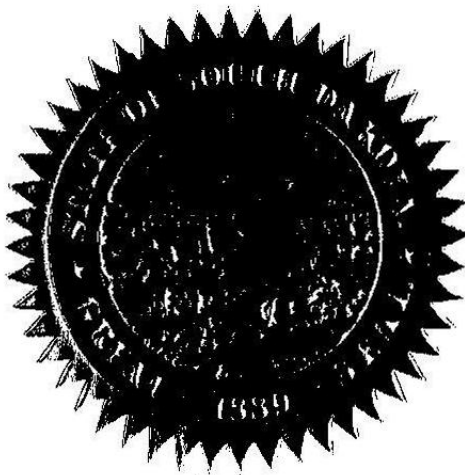
*Whereas*, Given South Dakota's geography, a great many businesses and communities depend upon general aviation aircraft and small aircraft of all types for mobility, access to medical treatment, economic opportunity, disaster relief, and a wide range of critical resources; and,

*Whereas*, Use of general aviation by businesses, ranches, and farms in South Dakota is directly tied to the future growth and prosperity of the state:

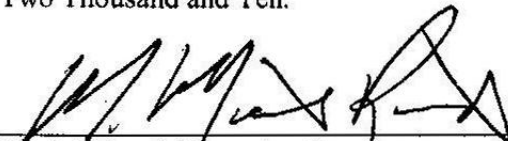
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as

### *GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH*


in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital strategic resource aviation provides to our great state.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State